

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 491

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 16, 2005

An act to amend Section 17071.75 of the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 491, as introduced, Goldberg. School facilities: new construction eligibility.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts, prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding, and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition.

Existing law provides that a school district's ongoing eligibility for new construction funding is to be determined by making specified calculations, including a calculation using enrollment projections, as provided.

This bill would revise the calculation using enrollment projections to authorize a school district to use one specified alternative enrollment projection methods.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17071.75 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 17071.75. After a one-time initial report of existing school
2 building capacity has been completed, a school district's ongoing
3 eligibility for new construction funding shall be determined by
4 making all of the following calculations:

5 (a) Each school district that applies to receive funding for new
6 construction shall ~~calculate~~ *use one of the following enrollment*
7 *projection methods:*

8 (1) *The enrollment determined pursuant to Section 17078.27.*

9 (2) *For the purpose of determining enrollment projections for*
10 *kindergarten, a school district may utilize the appropriate*
11 *countywide birth rates to modify the kindergarten cohort factor.*

12 (3) *Calculate enrollment projections for the fifth year beyond*
13 *the fiscal year in which the application is made. Projected*
14 *enrollment shall be determined by utilizing the cohort survival*
15 *enrollment projection system, as defined and approved by the*
16 *board. The board may supplement the cohort survival enrollment*
17 *projection by the number of unhoused pupils that are anticipated*
18 *as a result of dwelling units proposed pursuant to approved and*
19 *valid tentative subdivision maps.*

20 (b) Add the number of pupils that may be adequately housed
21 in the existing school building capacity of the applicant district as
22 determined pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section
23 17071.10) to the number of pupils for which facilities were
24 provided from any state or local funding source after the existing
25 school building capacity was determined pursuant to Article 2
26 (commencing with Section 17071.10). For this purpose, the total
27 number of pupils for which facilities were provided shall be
28 determined using the pupil loading formula set forth in Section
29 17071.25.

30 (c) Subtract the number of pupils pursuant to subdivision (b)
31 from the number of pupils determined pursuant to subdivision
32 (a).

33 (d) The calculations required to establish eligibility under this
34 article shall result in a distinction between the number of existing
35 unhoused pupils and the number of projected unhoused pupils.

36 (e) Apply the increase or decrease resulting from the
37 difference between the most recent report made pursuant to
38 Section 42268, and the report used in determining the school
39 district's baseline capacity pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section
40 17071.25.

- 1 (f) For a school district with an enrollment of 2,500, or less, an
- 2 adjustment in enrollment projections shall not result in a loss of
- 3 ongoing eligibility to that school district for a period of three
- 4 years from the date of the approval of eligibility by the board.

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